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From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. C.—8934-32 of 1931, dated 20th March 1931, stating that the Government of India have decided to change the budget head "X. Tributes from Indian States" to "X. Payments from Indian States," and that in official correspondence the term 'payments' will be adopted in place of 'tributes' or 'subsidies' in future.

With reference to the above, the Government of Mysore would like to make some observations, and are well assured that these will not be misunderstood by the Government of India.

The Durbar do not propose to make any change in their own budget head, but will continue to enter the payment as "Subsidy to the British Government." They think it better to retain the term that exactly defines the position. The change indicated is due, no doubt, to the spirit and conditions of the times, which have rendered less desirable such terms as 'tribute' and 'subsidy.' But the change of policy in India is vital, not verbal; and the Durbar feel that it suggests, as regards Mysore's subsidy, an actual, not a verbal, change. They venture to think that what is really and urgently needed is a new examination of the incidence and character of the payments, and consequent action in the light of the present Indian policy.

It is a matter of the profoundest regret to the Government of Mysore that they have so far only partially succeeded in their efforts to convince the Government of India of the impropriety and unfairness of the heavy annual subsidy which is being exacted from the State for more than a century and a quarter. They believe that in the atmosphere of the present times the justice of their claim must have become clearer, and cannot conceive that the Government of

India are now willing to perpetuate an existing subsidy under another name.

The Durbar feel strongly on this matter, and believe that the Government of India would prefer to have this frank expression of their feelings.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.